

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT :  
COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, :  
WELFARE FUND, ANNUITY FUND, AND :  
APPRENTICESHIP, JOURNEYMAN RETRAINING, :  
EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRY FUND et al., :  
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Petitioners,

-v-

SKYECO GROUP LLC,

Respondent.  
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20-CV-2279 (JMF)

MEMORANDUM OPINION  
AND ORDER

JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

On March 13, 2020, Petitioners filed a Petition to Confirm Arbitration. ECF No. 1. On March 16, 2020, the Court set a briefing schedule for Petitioners' submission of any additional materials in support of the Petition, Respondent's opposition, and Petitioners' reply. ECF No. 7. Petitioners served Respondent with the Petition, supporting materials, and the briefing schedule. ECF Nos. 8-9. Pursuant to the briefing schedule, Respondent's opposition was due no later than April 13, 2020. ECF No. 7. To date, Respondent has neither responded to the petition nor otherwise sought relief from the Award.

The Court must treat the Petition, even though unopposed, "as akin to a motion for summary judgment based on the movant's submissions." *Trs. for Mason Tenders Dist. Council Welfare Fund, Pension Fund, Annuity Fund & Training Program Fund v. Capstone Constr. Corp.*, 11-CV-1715 (JMF), 2013 WL 1703578, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 19, 2013) (discussing in depth the legal standards for resolving unopposed petitions to confirm arbitration awards). After


reviewing the petition and the supporting materials, the Court finds that there is no genuine issue of material fact precluding summary judgment as to all portions of the Award, as the Arbitrator's decision provides more than "a barely colorable justification for the outcome reached." *Id.* at \*3 (internal quotation marks omitted). Nor is there any justification under Section 10(a) of the Federal Arbitration Act for vacating the Award.

The Court also awards Petitioners' requested attorneys' fees and costs. *See Int'l Chem. Workers Union (AFL-CIO), Local No. 227 v. BASF Wyandotte Corp.*, 774 F.2d 43, 47 (2d Cir. 1985) ("[W]hen a challenger refuses to abide by an arbitrator's decision without justification, attorney's fees and costs may properly be awarded." (internal quotation marks omitted)). Here, Petitioners have met its burden of proving the reasonableness and necessity of hours spent, rates charged, and litigation costs incurred. Finally, the Court grants Petitioners' request for pre-judgment interest at a rate of 6.75% pursuant to the Award. *See Waterside Ocean Navigant Co. v. Int'l Navigation Ltd.*, 737 F.2d 150, 154 (2d Cir. 1984) (adopting a "presumption in favor of pre-judgment interest").

Accordingly, the Court grants Petitioners' unopposed petition to confirm the entire Award.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 14, 2020  
New York, New York



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JESSE M. FURMAN  
United States District Judge